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☞ *The figures mark the number of Sederunts at which Members were present.*

I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
10 James Skinner.....	9 James Fraser.....	Bethel	London.
.....	John Whillans.....	Eng. Settlement.	"
J. J. A. Proudfoot, *Clk.*	Alexander Smith	London.....	"
John Logie	William Elder.....	Warrensville	Hay.
.....	.....	Brucefield	"
7 John Fraser.....	——— Simpson	Chatham	Chatham.
William Cavan	Duncan McVannel...	St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's, Blanchard.
.....	James Thomson	Downie	"
William Deas	James Thomson	Adelaide	Wisbeach.
.....	John Williamson.....	Warwick.....	"
10 Matthew Barr.....	——— Scott.....	McKillop	Harpurhey.
8 Alex'r W. Waddell....	.....	Harwich	Rushton.
10 Archibald Cross	James Hay.....	Ingersoll & Woodstock	Woodstock.
10 John Hogg.....	Alexander Grey	Detroit.....	Detroit.
James Duncan.....	James Shaw.....	Bayfield	Bayfield.
	Elliot Grieve.....	Westminster	London.
	——— Stirling	Goderich	Goderich.
		Hibbert	
		Flat Creek	
		Tilbury	

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

8 Thomas Christie.....	Walter Bain.....	Flamboro'	Flamboro' West.
10 Andrew Ferrier, D. D.	Edward Rutherford....	Caledonia	Seneca.
Alexander Ritchie.....	.....	West Dumfries....	Ayr.
10 John Porteous, *Clerk* .	John Malcolm.....	Beverly	Kirkwall.
8 Wm. M. Christie.....	James Finlay.....	Chippawa	Chippawa.
William Dickson.....	.....	Thorold	"
	10 Robert Christie	St. George	Rosebank.
	5 James Young	Ancaster	Ancaster.
	John Martin.....	Dunnville	Dunnville.
	5 Thos. Fotheringham..	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

10 John Taylor, M. D.	6 Rev. W. Ormiston, A.B.	2nd Toronto.....	Toronto.
10 William Fraser.....	.....	W. Gwillimbury.	Bond Head.
	7 John Austin.....	Tecumseth.....	Penville.
	.....	Essa.....	Cookstown.
Alex. Kennedy.....	7 William Dunbar.....	Dunbarton and Canton	Dunbarton.
5 David Coutts.....	James Young.....	Chinguacousy, I. and II.	Brampton.
10 John Jennings.....	2 William Turnbull.....	1st Toronto.....	Toronto.
10 James Dick, *Clerk*.....	6 James Jenkins.....	Richmond Hill...	Richmond Hill.
2 James Pringle	1 James Hunter	Toronto Tp. and Brampton. Brampton	
	Andrew Riddell.....	Vaughan	Humber.
	James Goodfellow.....	Albion.....	Albion.
	4 Adam Spears.....	Pickering	Dunbarton.
	Samuel Lindsay.....	Caledon.....	Caledon.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
7 William Taylor, D. D.	Warden King	Montreal	Montreal.
Alex. Lowden, *Clerk*.	John Murray, jun'r	New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
John Morrison	Thomas Rutherford	Madrid	Waddington, N.Y
Walter Scott	James McOuat	Lachute	Lachute.
James Watson	William White	Huntingdon	Huntingdon.
.....	.....	Hemmingford	Hemmingford.

V. PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

6 William Aitken	George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
Alex. Henderson, *Clk*.	John Robertson	Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton	Fitzroy Harbor.
	James Patterson	Pakenham	
		Annprior	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

8 R. H. Thornton, *Clk*.	10 Adam Spears	Whitby	Whitby.
John Cassie	Nichol Dodds	Port Hope	Port Hope.
6 George Lawrence	Herbert Renwick	Clarke	Orono.
7 John Ewing	4 Thomas Best	Emily. Manvers Ops.	Mount Pleasant.
9 Gilbert Tweedie	Thomas Dacre	Lindsay. Mariposa Verulam.	Mariposa.
9 John Scott	.....	Ernest-town	Bath.
.....	.....	Frederickburgh	"
7 Wm. C. Young	6 William Stark	Newton	Clarke.
.....	.....	Newcastle	"
7 James McIntosh	.....	Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
	9 Lochart Ormiston	Darlington	Hampton.
		Oakhills.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

5 John Duff	.....	Elora	Elora.
10 William Barrie	Henry Scott	Eramosa	Guelph.
10 J. F. A. S. Fayette	.....	Euphrasia and St. Vincent.	Euphrasia.
.....	.....		
10 Robert Torrance, *Clk*.	.....	Guelph	Guelph.
		Esquesing	Milton.
		Brant	Brant.
		Lake Shore	Leith.
		Sydenham	Owen Sound.
		Sable River	Holland.

VIII. PRESBYFERY OF BRANT.

8 Joseph Scott	David Bell	Blandford	Chesterfield.
8 David Caw	7 James Miller	Paris	Paris.
George Murray	John Tenant	Blenheim	Princeton.
.....	.....	Burford	
A. A. Drummond, *Clk*.	4 James Crawford	Brantford	Brantford.
Robert Rodgers	John McKee	Norwichville	Norwichville.
10 John Dunbar	7 James Smith	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
Patrick Greig	James Rutherford	Mt. Pleasant	Mohawk.

Official Members of Synod and Committees,

FOR 1855.

THE REV. ROBERT TORRANCE, MODERATOR.
THE REV. WILLIAM FRASER, CLERK.
THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, M. D., PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.
THE REV. ROBERT TORRANCE, CONVENER OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.
THE REV. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., CONVENER OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.
THE REV. JAMES DICK, CONVENER OF COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS.
THE REV. WILLIAM TAYLOR, D. D., CONVENER OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.
THE REV. WILLIAM TAYLOR, D.D., CONVENER OF COMMITTEE ON CLERGY RESERVES.

Stated Collections ordered by Synod.

1. MISSION FUND—Collection to be made in January.
2. SYNOD FUND—Collection to be made in April.
3. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND—Collection to be made in October.

Presbytery Clerks

Are requested to give particular attention to the Resolutions referred to below.

1. As to sending Presbytery Rolls to Synod Clerk, passed June 9, 1854, page 107 of printed Minutes.
2. As to sending papers to Convener of Committee of Bills and Overtures. Same date and page.
3. As to forwarding Presbytery Minutes for inspection of Synod. Passed June 8, 1855. Page 146 of printed Minutes.

Preachers and Presbyteries

Are requested to direct their attention to the Resolutions passed at the 9th Sederunt of last Session. Pages 146, 147.

MINUTES

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

I. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, TUESDAY,
June 5, 1855, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and, after sermon by the Rev. James Dick, the Moderator, from 2 Cor. iv. 1, 2, was constituted.

Report of London Presbytery.

The Presbytery of London reported that they had inducted the Rev. Mr. Waddell, into the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Harwich, on October 31st, 1854; the Rev. Archibald Cross, to that of Ingersoll, on January 11th, 1855; the Rev. John Hogg, into that of Detroit, on March 14th; and the Rev. James Duncan into that of Bayfield, on May 9th. Further, that they had accepted Mr. Logie's demission of the pastoral charge of Bayfield, on October 13th, 1854, and Mr. Devine's demission of that of Goderich, on February 28th, 1855; and that they had organized the Congregation of Westminster, on August 2nd, 1854.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan's credentials were read and approved August 2nd, 1854, with the understanding that he should, by and bye, engage in ministerial labour. On January 30th, 1855, he was appointed, in compliance with the wishes of the people, to officiate in Bayfield, on the days when it would otherwise be vacant. At the earnest reqnest of the people, this appointment was so extended, as that he should statedly supply it.

Report of Toronto Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that, on the 5th of September, 1854, the Rev. James McIntosh, formerly of Sheils, in the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Scotland, having presented the requisite testimonials, was received into connection with the Church in Canada, and his name placed on the list of probationers; that on the 3rd of October, 1854, the Rev. Peter Glassford, formerly minister of the U. P. Congregation of Leitholm, in the Presbytery of Kelso, Scotland, having presented the requisite testimonials, was also received into connection with the Church, and his name placed on the list of probationers; also, that on the 3rd day of October last, they had inducted the Rev. Alexander Kennedy, to the pastoral charge of the U. P. Congregation of Dunbarton and Canton, and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery; and that on the 8th day of May, 1855, they had received the Rev. Peter D. Muir, formerly of the U. P. Congregation of Huntingdon, C. E., and placed his name on the list of probationers.

Report of Wellington Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that they had inducted the Rev. J. F. A. S. Fayette, into the pastoral charge of the U. P. Congregation of Euphrasia and St. Vincent, on Thursday, 25th January, 1855.

Report of Brant Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Brant reported that, on the 9th October, 1854, they had inducted the Rev. Joseph Scott, into the pastoral charge, of the Congregation of Blandford; and that on the 6th February, 1855, they had dissolved the pastoral connection between the Rev. George Murray, and the Congregation of Woodstock.

Roll of Flamboro' Presbytery.

The Roll of Flamboro' Presbytery, which had not been transmitted, was now handed in by the Clerk of that Presbytery; and

Roll of Durham Presbytery.

the Roll of the Presbytery of Durham, not having been transmitted to the Clerk of Synod was, in the absence of the Clerk of Presbytery, filled up to the best of the knowledge of the members of Presbytery present, and of the members of Synod.

Roll called.

The Roll of Synod was now called and marked.

Moderator chosen.

Proceeded to make choice of a Moderator, when, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Coutts, seconded by the Rev. Professor Taylor, the Rev. Robert Torrance was unanimously chosen Moderator, who thereupon took the Chair, and addressed the Synod.

Unfinished business, list of.

The Clerk presented a list of the business left over from last year, as also, of Reports required to be made by Committees appointed at last meeting of Synod.

Devotional to conduct.

The Rev. Joseph Scott, and the Rev. Archibald Cross, were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the Synod tomorrow-morning; and on motion of Professor Taylor, seconded by

Mr. Duff, it was agreed that, in the devotional exercises of tomorrow, there shall be special reference to the state of the Nation, and of a large portion of the civilized world, as engaged in war; and that the gracious interposition of Divine Providence, at so momentous a juncture, be earnestly implored.

Missions, Mr. Ormiston to address on.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner having stated that the Rev. Mr. Cavan, who had been appointed to deliver an Address at the missionary meeting of Synod, on Thursday evening, would not, on account of ill health, be present, it was, on motion, agreed that the Rev. Mr. Ormiston be, and he is hereby requested to take the place of Mr. Cavan, and deliver an Address on Missions, on Thursday evening.

Accounts Com. to Audit.

The Rev. Messrs. Dick and Waddell, were appointed to examine the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers. Report to be given in at the evening Sederunt, on Thursday.

Minutes of Presbyteries, Committees to examine.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries, namely, of

London..... Rev. Mr. Porteous, and Dr. Ferrier.
Flamboro'..... Rev. Messrs. Duff and Barrie.
Toronto..... Rev. Messrs. Jno. Scott and Macintosh
Canada East ..... Rev. Messrs Coutts and W. M. Christie
Lanark..... Rev. John Fraser and Caw.
Durham ..... Rev. Messrs. Barr and Dunbar.
Wellington..... Rev. Messrs. Dick and Jennings.
Brant..... Rev. Messrs. Hogg and Skinner.

Reports to be given in at the second Sederunt on Friday.

Mr. Dick to be Convener of Com. of Bills and Overtures, instead of Mr. Torrance.

The Moderator now resigned the office of Convener of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and the Rev. James Dick was appointed Convener in his stead.

Adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock, to-morrow.

Closed with the benediction.

II. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
June, 6, 1855, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

Devotional Exercises.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Cross and Joseph Scott.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Explanation Clk. of Durham Pres.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Durham, gave an explanation as to the failure in forwarding the Roll of that Presbytery. The explanation was received.

Duncan, Rev. J., question as to Induction of.

A question was here asked by Mr. Jennings as to the circumstances in which the Rev. James Duncan had been received, by the Presbytery of London, and afterwards inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Bayfield.

Explanation.

Mr. Skinner explained on behalf of the Presbytery of London.

Induction sustained.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded by Mr. Aitken, it was Resolved—That the action of the London Presbytery, in inducting the Rev. James Duncan to the charge of the Congregation of Bayfield, be sustained now, as said induction has taken place; but feel it due to the Synod to declare that the Presbytery has committed an irregularity, by disregarding the law of Synod, stated on page 129, of printed minutes of 1850, to the following purport, namely, "that no preacher be ordained or installed till he have gone, at least, once over all the Presbyteries."

Irregularity of Presbytery.

Mr. McColl to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. McColl of Lewiston, N. Y., being present, was invited to sit in Synod as a corresponding member.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report, which was read and received, and is as follows:—

Report Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, Report the following papers, and recommend that they be taken up in the following order:—

I. Papers remaining over from last meeting of Synod, marked IX. and XIII.

II. The Reports of the several Committees in the order following, viz:—Union, Missions, Education, Distribution, Increase of Salaries.

III. Overture on the subject of Union with Evangelical Presbyterians in this country.

IV. Petitions for Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

V. An Overture on a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

VI. Petition from Woodstock Congregation.

VII. A reference of Mr. Clarke's application for License.

VIII. Overture of London Presbytery, anent stipend.

IX. Memorial on Synodical Superintendence of Preachers.

Report adopted, with one exception.

The Report of the Committee and the accompanying recommendation were adopted, with the exception that the second paper named in the report be the first matter taken up.

Eldership, Overture on.

Took up the Overture of Mr. Skinner on the Eldership of the following purport:—

To the Reverend the Moderator and other Members of the United Presbyterian Synod, to meet in Toronto, June, 1853, the following Overture is respectfully submitted:—

That, whereas, the undersigned, at the making up of the Synod Roll, in June 1852, gave in the name of a Ruling Elder from each of the two Sessions in which he presides, believing that in so doing he was acting in accordance with the recognised principles of Presbytery, and with the law and wonted practice of the Church—and whereas, some of the members of Synod objected to the relevancy of each congregation and session being represented in Synod by a Ruling Elder, especially when more than one congregation are under one pastoral superintendence—and whereas, this question, so seriously affecting the interests of our congregations and Sessions, in relation to their full and proper representation in our Church Courts, was then left in abeyance, and at no subsequent Sederunt brought up for further consideration:—It is hereby respectfully overtured that this Synod, in their present session, do relieve the minds of vacant congregations, as well as of those where more than one fully organized congregation are under the pastoral care of the same minister, by affirming the law of the church, as recorded in the "Rules and Forms of Procedure, in the Church Courts, in the United Presbyterian Church," Chap. I. par. 12, 'It is the right and duty of every session, whether in a settled or a vacant congregation, to appoint one of the elders to sit as its representative in the Presbytery and Synod.' Also, section III. para. 1. '*The Synod* is the Supreme Court of the Church, and is composed of the whole ministers having charges, with an elder from each session, holding a commission for that purpose.'

All which is respectfully submitted by

(Signed) JAMES SKINNER.

Reasoning on Overture.

After reasoning for some time, a motion was read by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, with a view to dispose of the question, when the hour of noon having arrived the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

III. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
June 6, 1855, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the former Sederunt were read and approved.

Eldership, Motions on.

Resumed the business interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

1. Mr. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, moved, That the Rev. Mr. Skinner's overture, requiring that the Synod affirm it to be the law of the Church, that every Session (though several be con-

nected under one pastoral charge) be represented by an Elder, be not sustained, as it would be an innovation on the fundamental principles of Presbytery:—that any elders who are now present, or who may come by appointment to this Session of Synod, shall be allowed to retain their seats, inasmuch as the mind of this Court has been undecided since said innovation commenced, but that, thenceforth, one elder only shall be appointed from one or more congregations forming, in the meantime, one pastoral charge.

2. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor, That without interfering with the constitution of the present Synod in respect to the ruling elders, as determined by former practice, the custom of only one ruling elder from each session being recognised as a member of Presbyteries and Synods be abandoned, and henceforth all ruling elders of this Church, in good standing, be acknowledged as members of Presbyteries and Synods.

3. It was further moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Dick, That this Synod approve of the spirit of the overture, and while admitting, as an abstract principle, the right of all ruling elders to a seat in the courts of the Church, the Synod simply affirm the right of every Session to be represented, irrespective of its position as to pastoral oversight.

Votes.

The motion of Mr. Thornton was put against the amendment of Mr. Aitken, when 25 votes were given in favour of the former, and 11 for the latter.

The next vote was taken between the motion of Mr. Thornton and the motion of Mr. Jennings, when there voted for Mr. Thornton's motion 31, and for that of Mr. Jennings' 4.

Deliverance.

The motion of Mr. Thornton was declared to be carried; and the Synod did, and hereby do, agree and decide in terms of the said motion.

That this Synod approve of the spirit of the overture; and while admitting, as an abstract principle, the right of all the ruling elders to a seat in the courts of the Church, this Synod simply affirm the right of every session to be represented, irrespective of its position, as to pastoral oversight.

Mr. Jennings dissents.

Mr. Jennings requested that his dissent from this decision should be marked, for reasons to be afterwards given in.

Ordination, Trials for, Overture on.

Took up an overture from the Rev. Mr. Thornton, anent trials for ordination, stating substantially that there is a diversity of practice among Presbyteries in this matter, and requesting the

Synod to review the whole question, and to empower Presbyteries to substitute exercises, or examinations on pastoral theology and personal religion, instead of the exercises usually prescribed at ordination.

Overture, dismissed.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Ewing, the Synod agreed to dismiss the overture, and affirm the present rules and practice of the Church, like as the Synod did, and do dismiss and affirm, in terms of the motion.

Union, Report of Committee on.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Report, with relative documents, was read by Professor Taylor, the Convener.

Report received.

On motion, the Synod agreed to receive the Report, and at the same time to record their approval of the prudence, firmness, and diligence of the Committee; and further, that the Committee be, and it is hereby, now discharged.

Committee approved and discharged.

Theological Education Committee instructed to report.

The Committee on Thelogical Education were instructed to give in their Report at the first Sederunt to-morrow.

Distribution Committee. Report of.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers.

Received.

The Report of the Committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod were given them for the diligence with which they had performed the duties entrusted to them.

Thanks.

Distribut Com. reappointed.

The Committee of Distribution, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Dick, Jennings, and Ormiston, was then reappointed.

Students, inspection of, Reports of Presbyteries.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the Inspection of Students of Theology.

London.

The Presbytery of London reported that they have had only one student in theology under their inspection, and that he had performed, in a satisfactory manner, all the exercises which had been prescribed to him.

Flamboro'.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that, they have had one student under their inspection, and that he had given in some exercises which had been sustained.

Toronto.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that, they have had two students under their inspection, who, in consequence of their attendance at University College, Toronto, had met with the Committee of Presbytery, only once.

Durham.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that, they have had under their inspection, two students, viz: Messrs. Tisdell and McFaul, and that they had satisfactorily performed the exercises appointed by the Presbytery.

Brant.

The Presbytery of Brant reported that, they had during the

whole of last year, one student under their inspection, that he had been several times before them, and been examined on most of the subjects prescribed for students of the 3rd year; and that he had to leave the Theological Hall, last August, at the very commencement of the session, on account of ill health. Further, that they had received Mr. William Clarke, certified, by the Presbytery of Falkirk, as a fourth year's student, that he had been once before them, and had delivered several exercises to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Next Meeting of Synod.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held, in the City of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday in June, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, in the evening.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

IV. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,
June 6, 1855, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Union, Committee Report, to be Printed in Appendix.

It was unanimously agreed that the Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, read at the former Sederunt, by Professor Taylor, together with the relative documents, be printed in the appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Overture respecting Union, Presbytery Wellington.

Took up an Overture, from the Presbytery of Wellington, of the following purport:—

Memorial and Overture to the United Presbyterian Synod, on the subject of Union with Evangelical Presbyterians in this country.

As the United Presbyterian Church has expressed a desire for Union with the Evangelical Presbyterian Bodies in this Province, especially with the Presbyterian Church of Canada—as the great barrier to Union, particularly with the latter, is obviously a difference of opinion between the two Churches as to what constitutes the fundamental principle of State religion, as exhibited in the papers which have appeared in the *Ecclesiastical Missionary Record* of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and in the *Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine*—those in the former maintaining that there is a point at which the civil magistrate is bound by Divine law, and consequently has a Divine right, as a Christian magistrate, to wield his sword, and coerce his subjects to recognise the God of the Bible as the God of the nation, and to obey the dictates and ordinances of revealed religion, such as what is called the external santification of the Sabbath, the instruction of the children in the state schools in the knowledge of the Bible, the religious sanction of oaths and marriages—denying at the same time that there is any persecution or religious intolerance in coercing the citizens to these observances, and maintaining that the passages in the Westminster Confession of Faith, to which the United Presbyterians object, do not teach persecuting or intolerant principles in religion; those in the latter maintaining, on the other hand, that all interference of the civil magistrate, in the way of authoritative command, to observe this or that dictate or ordinance of revealed religion, is an infringement of the religious liberty of the citizens; that while the civil magistrate is bound to do all that he does as a civil magistrate, as well as the private citizen, to the glory of God, yet there is no point, in the profession of the Christian religion, where he may legitimately enter with his sword to enforce it on his subjects, and that the Statute Book of the New Testament Church is absolutely destitute, even by implication, of the shadow of a warrant for the primary principle of state religion; and maintain that to affirm that the Westminster Confession of Faith does not teach persecuting and intolerant principles in religion, is contrary to the tenor of both the National Solemn League and Covenant, and the Acts of Parliament connected with the enforcement of them, to the fact that not one Presbyterian, so far as we know, held even the doctrine of toleration in those days, and to the history of the Church of Scotland down, in particular, to the year 1828, when the Test and Corporation Acts were repealed; taking into account the great discrepancy of opinion as to matter of historical facts and doctrinal principle, the Synod is hereby overtured to make a distinct declaration as to the true meaning of the exception to the Westminster Confession, in the second question of our Formula, put to ministers and elders at ordination, and to students at being licensed, which says, "you are not required to approve of any thing in these documents which teaches, or is supposed to teach, compulsory or persecuting and intolerant principles in religion," as on this hinges the whole question of difference between the two Bodies.

Adopted by the Presbytery of Wellington, and order to be transmitted to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, for presentation to the Synod.

(Signed)
ROBERT TORRANCE, *Clerk.*

Supported by Mr. Barrie.

The Overture was supported on behalf of the Presbytery of Wellington, by the Rev Mr. Barrie.

Motion on.

After hearing the opinion of several members, it was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Ewing,—That the further consideration of this Overture be delayed, and proceed to take up the petitions and overtures on Union, with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Amendment

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Coutts,—That a Committee be appointed to consider the Overture, and to report thereon, in the shape they deem best, to-morrow forenoon.

The amendment, being first put, was carried, and the Synod resolved and decided in accordance therewith.

Committee appointed.

The Moderator then appointed Messrs. Thornton, Barrie, and Coutts, a Committee, for the purpose specified above, to report to-morrow forenoon.

Union. Petitions on.

Took up the question of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, brought before the Court by petitions and resolutions, on this subject, on the table of Synod.

The following petitions and papers were then read:—Petition of a conjunct meeting, on the 27th March, of members of the Free and United Presbyterian Congregations in London, C. W.;—also, a copy of resolutions passed at the same meeting;—also, a petition from a meeting held in the United Presbyterian Church, English Settlement, London; a copy of resolutions, passed at a meeting of members of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches, held at the 5th Concession of Westminster, on the 20th April, 1855:—also, a copy of resolutions, passed at a meeting of members of the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches, held at Ingersoll, April 24, 1855. Also, a petition from the Ministers, Elders, and members of the United Presbyterian Congregation at Lachute:—also, a petition from members and adherents of the United Presbyterian Church in Whitby:—also, a petition of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Huntingdon and St. Michaels.

Moderator left the Chair, taken by Mr. Dick.

The Moderator now left the Chair, and Mr. Dick, by request, took the same.

Petitions, Committee to consider.

It was agreed that, this question shall be taken up on Friday morning, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the matter for the action of Synod; and

Dr. W. Taylor, Messrs. Aitken, Ormiston, and Barrie, were appointed for the purpose foregoing, to give in their report, on Friday, at the first Sederunt.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

Closed with the benediction.

V. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 7, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Report of Durham Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that they had, on the 25th September last, ordained the Rev. William C. Young to the pastoral charge of the congregations of Newton and Newcastle; and that, on the 24th of May, they had inducted the Rev. James Macintosh to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Amherst Island.

Theological Education, Report of Committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Professor Taylor, who read also an address on the subject of making provision for pecuniary aid to students of theology while pursuing their studies.

Deliverance on Report.

On motion of Dr. Ferrier, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, it was agreed, That the Synod having heard the report of the Committee on Theological Education, and also the draft of an address which, in compliance with the instructions of last Synod, they have prepared, relative to the raising of a fund for giving pecuniary assistance to students of divinity, agree to receive the report; instruct the Committee to print and circulate the Address, and to make arrangements for bringing the matter under the favourable consideration of congregations, by sending a deputation to as many of them as may be convenient, during the summer and autumn of the present year; appoint the Session of the Divinity Hall, to be held during the winter, and the attendance required from students, and the exercises prescribed to them, to be so limited and arranged, as that opportunity shall be afforded them for prosecuting, simultaneously, their literary and philosophical studies, the terms for admission to the Hall remaining unchanged authorize the Committee to fix the periods for the commencement and termination of the session, of which due intimation shall immediately be given, so that the contemplated change may commence in the present year; also authorize the Committee for the present year to grant assistance to the Students out of the fund that may be raised, giving an account to the Synod.

Report to be Printed in Appendix.

Ordered—That the Report of the Committee on Theological Education be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes, and that the address, referred to in that report, be printed and circulated at the discretion of the Committee.

Thanks to Committee Ed.

The thanks of the Synod were then given, and are hereby given, to the Committee, for the zeal and diligence with which they have performed the duties entrusted to them.

Theological Education, Committee appointed.

The Committee on Theological Education of last year was then reappointed, with the addition of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Torrance, and Messrs. Ormiston and Kennedy. The Committee will then be composed as follows, namely:—The Rev. Professor Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie,

Thornton, Dick, Barrie, Torrance, Ormiston, Kennedy. Professor Taylor, Convener.

Overture of Wellington Presbytery, Report on.

Mr. Thornton reported from the Committee appointed last night, on the Overture of the Presbytery of Wellington on Union, to the following purport:—Your Committee beg leave to report that they cannot recommend the adoption of the Overture, as such a step would not be productive of any good or satisfactory results. They believe that any definition of what we understand by "persecuting and intolerant principles," in the Formula alluded to in the Overture, is quite uncalled for, inasmuch as said phrase has reference to the dogmas taught in certain parts of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and that the obvious meaning of the language there used so undeniably sets forth "persecuting and intolerant principles," that any explanation of our interpretation of it is unnecessary.

Deliverance on.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was adopted, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof.

Prohibitory Liquor Law, Overture on.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto on a Prohibitory Liquor Law. As the author of the Overture was not present, it was agreed to defer the consideration of this matter for a little time.

Stipend, Overture to raise to £150.

Read an Overture from the Presbytery of London, setting forth that, on account of the greatly increased price of every necessary of life, viewed in connection with the prosperity of every branch of industry, it is proper and necessary for the interests of the Church, and the comfortable support of our ministers, that their stipend should be raised, and praying that the Synod shall now resolve that, the minimum annual salary of ministers of this Church shall be henceforth, £150, at least.

Committee to consider and Report.

It was agreed to refer the Overture to a Committee, to consider the prayer thereof, and to prepare the matter for the action of Synod. Report to be given in at first Sederunt to-morrow.

Committee.

The following were then appointed a Committee, for the purpose aforementioned, viz:—The Rev. Messrs. Dick, Thornton, Waddell, and Lawrence, together with Messrs. Dunbar, Christie, Fraser and Douglas, Elders.

Ministers Deceased, Scheme for benefit of Families of.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Aitken, and agreed to,—That a Committee be appointed, to consider some scheme for the benefit of the families of deceased ministers, and that the following be the Committee, Messrs. Jennings and W. Fraser, Ministers, and Messrs. Bell and Turnbull, Elders.

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 7, 1855, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was consituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Taylor relieved from being Convener of UnionCommittee. Mr. Barrie appointed.

At the request, presented by Mr. Jennings, of Dr. W. Taylor, he was, for sufficient cause, relieved from being Convener of the Committee on the petitions for Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Rev. Mr. Barrie was appointed the Convener of said Committee.

Absentees, Admonition to.

It having been submitted that some of the members had retired from attending the meetings of this Session of Synod, without asking consent, the Synod unanimously resolved,—To disapprove, and hereby do, disapprove of such conduct, and call the attention of said persons, and of all absent members to the Rules of Order, adopted on the 17th of June, 1853, number 43; and to the 9th question in the Formula for Ordination.

Prohibitory Liquor Law, Overture on.

Took up again the Overture, from the Presbytery of Toronto, on a Prohibitory Liquor Law, which was deferred at the morning Sederunt, of the following tenor, viz:—

Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is productive of a vast amount of wickedness and wretchedness, generally, and presents a powerful obstacle to the furtherance of the gospel, specially, by causing an untold amount of Sabbath desecration, by preventing many from attending places of public worship, and by leading not a few among us to walk disorderly and to bring reproach upon the cause of Christ:—And whereas, also, the Synod has, on previous occasions, in common with other ecclesiastical associations, borne testimony against the prevailing vice of intemperance:—And, whereas, further, the present is a peculiarly fit and opportune occasion, to express an opinion on the subject, owing to the strenuous efforts which are being put forth, in all parts of the country, for the abolition of the liquor traffic;—The Presbytery hereby respectfully overture the Synod, and earnestly request it to take the subject into consideration, and give such a deliverance thereon, as seems good in the premises, with a view to assist in procuring the speedy enactment of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law, similar to that laid before Parliament at its last session.

Prohibitory Liquor Law Deliverance.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Porteous, it was unanimously

Resolved—That the Synod adopt the Overture, and express their conviction of the great importance of ministers of the Gospel lending their influence, in every suitable manner, in behalf of the object contemplated. The Synod further recommend to the people under their care, to use all constitutional means to obtain an efficient Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Preachers, Superintendence of.

Took up a Memorial from the Presbytery of London, relating to the Synodical Superintendence of Preachers.

Referred to Committee.

It was agreed, *nem. con.*, that the Memorial of the Presbytery of London be referred to a Committee, to take into consideration the several points raised therein, and the prayer thereof, to prepare the business for the deliverance of Synod.

Committee

The Moderator then appointed the Rev. Mr. Hogg, Dr. Ferrier, and Rev. Mr. Porteous a Committee for the purpose specified, to report at the second Sederunt to-morrow.

Report, Committee, Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a Memorial, addressed to the Synod, from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, and laid the said Memorial on the table.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

VII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,
June 7, 1855, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator, *pro tem.*

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Missionary Meeting of Synod.

Entered on the exercises of the Annual Missionary Meeting of Synod. After praise, from Ps. cxlvii: 11—15, the Moderator called upon the Rev. Thomas Christie, who led in prayer.

Mission Report read.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Again engaged in praise, from Ps. lxxxix: 15—17.

Address by Dr. Taylor.

An Address on Missions was then delivered by the Rev. William Taylor, D. D.; and after engaging in praise, from Ps. lxxii:

7—9, an Address on the same subject was delivered by the Rev William Ormiston, A. B. Address by Rev Mr. Ormiston.

On motion, it was

Resolved—That the thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor, and to the Rev. Mr. Ormiston, for the able and highly interesting addresses which they have delivered to this meeting. Thanks for Mission Addresses.

After engaging in praise, the Synod adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Closed with the benediction.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June 8, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

Entered upon the consideration of the Mission business, and took up the Report of the Committee, which was read last night. Mission business. Report.

The Moderator left the Chair, which was then taken by the Rev. Mr. Dick. Moderator left Chair, taken by Mr. Dick.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Wm. M. Christie, it was Report received.

Resolved—That the Report of the Mission Committee be, and it is hereby received, and that the thanks of this Synod be given, and are hereby tendered, to the Committee, for the diligence, zeal, and efficiency with which they have discharged the important and responsible duties devolved upon them. Thanks to Committee of Missions.

The Committee on Missions was now reappointed, consisting of the same members as last year, namely:—The Rev. Professor Taylor, Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Torrance, Hogg, Barrie, Dunbar, and Thomas Christie, Treasurer, *(ex officio;)* together with Robert Christie, Esq., the Synod's Treasurer, *(ex officio.)* Thomas Armstrong, Thomas Fotheringham, and Daniel McNaughton, Esquires, Elders. The Rev. Mr. Torrance, Convener. Mission Committee re-appointed

Took up the first point recommended in the Report of the Committee, of the following tenor:—Should not the Synod take into special consideration the large and increasing spheres of spiritual usefulness which are opening, and endeavour to devise some efficient means for procuring men to enter upon and occupy them? Measures to occupy Spheres of usefulness, to devise.

Referred to Theological Education Committee

It was agreed unanimously that this point shall be, and it is hereby referred to the consideration and action of the Committee on Theological Education.

Lachute, Supplement to.

2. The next matter submitted by the Committee was, an application for Supplement of Stipend from the congregation of Lachute, on which the Committee requested the decision of Synod.

Granted.

On motion, the application for Supplement from Lachute was ordered to be granted.

Vacant Congregations to be stirred up to increased liberality

3. The third suggestion of the Committee was then taken up, and it was thereupon unanimously

Resolved—To recommend, and it is accordingly hereby recommended, to Presbyteries, to hold public meetings in the vacant congregations within their bounds, and instruct the people in the duty of giving, for the support of Gospel ordinances, as God has prospered them, and to bring this matter under the special attention of the elders and managers.

Moderator took the Chair.

The Moderator now took the Chair.

Accounts, Report on.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Synod's Grant, and also the Accounts of the Synod's Treasurer, that those accounts were correctly kept.

Union Petitions, Report on.

Called for the Report of the Committee on the Petitions for Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Report was given in by Mr. Barrie, and is of the following tenor:—

The Committee on the papers on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada report that, the petitions are substantially the same, and manifest a most excellent, brotherly, and Christian spirit; and they submit the following Resolution, which, in their opinion, in present circumstances, should be adopted by the Synod, as the reply to the petitioners:—

That this Synod, while deeply sympathizing with the petitioners, in their petitions for Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, finds itself precluded, by the action of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada last year, from taking any further action in the matter at present; but that, in the meantime, the Synod strongly recommend the membership of our Church to continue sedulously to cultivate the spirit of Christian Union with all evangelical churches, and especially with our brethern of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and further, this Committee would suggest to the Synod the propriety of appointing a Committee, with whom all parties might communicate on the subject of Union with other churches.

Report adopted.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Report, like as the Synod did, and hereby do adopt the Report, as the expression of the mind of Synod on this important subject.

Com. appointed.

The following persons were then appointed a Committee, in terms of the Report, viz:—The Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Skinner, Proudfoot, Kennedy, Thornton, and Ormiston. Dr. Taylor to be Convener.

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

IX. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June 8, 1855, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Addresses on Missions, next Synod.

It was agreed that Addresses on Missions shall be delivered, at next meeting of Synod, by the Rev. Messrs. Tweedie and Cross.

Mission reports to be printed.

It was also agreed that the Report of the Mission Committee be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Minutes of Presbyteries, Report on.

Called for the Reports of Committees appointed to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries.

London.

Dr. Ferrier reported from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of London, that they had found said Minutes correctly kept, but rather minute in some of their details.

Wellington.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Wellington, that they had examined those Minutes from the 6th of June, 1854, to the 17th April, 1855, inclusive, and had found the business properly transacted and correctly recorded.

Durham.

Mr. Dunbar reported from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Durham, that they had found them carefully and accurately kept.

Flamboro'.

Mr. Barrie reported from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro', that they had examined the Minutes of said Presbytery, since the last meeting of Synod, and found business accurately recorded and orderly conducted, except that in the case of two meetings of Presbytery the Moderator's signature is wanting, which the Clerk of Presbytery explains by saying that the Moderator in one case, and the Moderator *pro tem.* in the other, were unable to be present since those meetings.

Brant and Canada East.

Mr. Skinner from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Brant, and Mr. Coutts from that on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East, reported that no records of those Presbyteries had been put into their hands.

Lanark.

No Report of Lanark Presbytery Minutes.

Toronto.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto stated that, the failure in reporting on the minutes of that Presbytery did not arise from any fault on his part, as the minutes were forthcoming, and ready to be submitted, on the call of the Committee appointed to examine them.

Notice to Presbyteries to forward minutes.

On motion of Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Barrie, it was resolved,—That such Presbyteries as have not sent up their minutes to this meeting of Synod be, and they hereby are, enjoined to forward them to the next meeting, with certification that, if they fail to do so, they shall be subjected to the censure of the Synod.

Stipend, overture as to increase of.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture from the Presbytery of London anent increase of Ministers' stipends, reported, and recommended as follows:—That the Synod approve of the object of the overture;—recommend that Presbyteries use every prudent and scriptural effort among the congregations within their bounds, to raise the annual stipend to, at least, £150, or more, according to their ability:—This recommendation is made with the express understanding that those congregations which raise and pay only £100 currency, per annum, as stipend, shall have no claim on the Synod's funds for supplement.

Deliverance.

The report and recommendation of the Committee were received and adopted, and the Synod did, and do, decide in terms thereof.

Preachers, Synodical and Presb'l superintendence of.

Called for the report of the Committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the Presbytery of London, on the Synodical and Presbyterial Superintendence of Preachers.

Report.

The report was read by Dr. Ferrier, and is as follows:—There are four points, in the memorial, from the London Presbytery, respecting the Synodical superintendence of preachers, on which, severally, your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Preachers to have two Sabbaths a year, to observe Lord's Supper.

1. That although preachers are urgently required to supply vacant congregations and stations, yet it is reasonable and proper that they be allowed, at least, two Sabbaths each, every year, to be at their own disposal, for the purpose of embracing opportunities of observing the Lord's Supper, in Congregations within their reach. Your Committee, however, find difficulties in suggesting any plan by which this can be secured without interfering with

the appointments of preachers to particular places, and therefore they think that it must be left with the preachers themselves and with the Presbyteries, to fix on those Sabbaths when the several preachers might be left unemployed with a view to the object contemplated.

Preachers to attend Presbytery.

2. That preachers be enjoined to attend the meetings of the Presbyteries, in the bounds of which they happen to be, so far as practicable;—that Presbyteries take opportunity of conversing with them, for the purpose of receiving information, and giving advice and direction:—And that Presbyteries be also enjoined to enforce the laws of Synod respecting the duties of preachers, and that preachers be exhorted to a diligent and conscientious discharge of all the services expected of them.

Demitting ministers, not to be put on probationers' list, in certain cases.

3. That in cases of Ministers demitting their charges for reasons which, in the judgment of their respective Presbyteries, affect their usefulness, it be understood that they cannot be placed on the Roll of Probationers without the consent of all the Presbyteries of the Church, or by the direct action of the Synod.

4. That in regard to Ministers or Preachers of the United Presbyterian Church, coming to this country without the sanction of the Mission Board in Scotland, or Ministers or Preachers from other denominations, the same consent of all the Presbyteries, or Synodical action shall be required, in order to their being placed on the list of Probationers.

Deliverance.

The report of the Committee was received, its recommendations were adopted, and the Synod did, and do decide in terms thereof.

Woodstock disjoined from Brant and annexed to London Presb'y

Read and received a petition from the Congregation of Woodstock, in the Presbytery of Brant, praying to be disjoined from that Presbytery, and to be annexed to the Presbytery of London.

The Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and did, and do hereby, disjoin the Congregation of Woodstock from the Presbytery of Brant, and annex the same to the Presbytery of London.

Mr. Clarke's application, reference on.

Took up a reference from the Presbytery of Brant, as to an application from Mr. William Clarke, to be taken on trials for license. Read the extracts of Presbytery Minutes transmitting the case, and other relative documents.

Remitted to Brant Presbytery.

On motion, it was agreed to remit the case to the Presbytery of Brant, to dispose thereof as they shall see cause:—at the same time recommending to the Presbytery, to correspond with the Presbytery of Falkirk, Scotland, as to the standing of Mr. Clarke.

Accounts read.

The Synod's Treasurer, Robert Christie, Esq., read an abstract of his accounts, by which it appeared that the Synod Fund was deeply in arrear.

Acc'ts approved. Thanks to Treas.

It was agreed that the accounts be approved, and that the thanks of the Synod be given, as they are hereby given, to Mr. Christie, for the dilligence and accuracy with which he has discharged the duties entrusted to him.

Theol. Library, donation to, to be paid to Theo. Ed. Committee.

The Treasurer having stated that he had received, from the Congregation of Hamilton, the sum of £35, for the Theological Library, the Synod instructed him to pay over to the Committee on Theological Education, the sum named, to be by them expended in the purchase of books for the Library.

Self-support of Church, resolutions on.

The Rev. Mr. Jennings introduced and read a series of resolutions, the first two of which were adopted, and are as follows:—

1. That the most grateful thanks of this Church be, and are hereby given to the parent Church, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, for her great, and long continued pecuniary liberality for the support and extension of our denominational interests in this province.

2. That it is the duty of every Church to be most conscientious in calling out all its own energies, to be self-supporting, and that until these fail, it ought not to seek, or accept of aid from any other quarter.

The hour of five o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

X. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, FRIDAY,
June 8, 1855, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Self-support, resolutions on.

Resumed the consideration of the third Resolution, in the series introduced by Mr. Jennings at the former Sederunt, of the tenor following:—

3. That this Church having reached such strength, and the material interests of the country being so prosperous, we are therefore well assured this Church can be entirely self-supporting, and in duty ought no longer to accept any aid from the Mission Fund in Scotland.

Mr. Jennings consented, after reasoning, to withdraw the above resolution in favour of the following, which was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Hogg, and unanimously adopted, viz:—

Deliverance.

That this Synod shall henceforth consider, and hereby declare themselves, to be self-sustaining, so far as congregations now settled are concerned; it being understood that such congregations as still need the stipends of their ministers supplemented, shall receive what is necessary from our own funds; and that whatever is received from the Church at home shall, in future, be applied solely to the extension of their mission field in this country: it being further understood that this shall not interfere with existing arrangements between the Synod at Home, and minsiters or preachers in this country.

Union, report of Committee of '47 Motion on.

Mr. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Taylor, moved—That inasmuch as it is alleged there is a discrepancy between the statement of the first Committee of this Synod, on Union with the Free Church, in their Report, dated Hamilton, 9th May, 1848, marked Section I. page 53, and the declaration in the Testimony, and objection taken to the same; and inasmuch, also, as said alleged discrepancy has been considered by certain members of the Free Church, and insisted on, as a barrier to Union, this Synod declare that the Report of proceedings of said Committee, as published, is not to be regarded as binding upon the conscience of members of this Church, and that the declaration in the Testimony is to be taken as expressive of the views of this Church on the question of the magistrate's power in matters of religion.

Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Cross—

That the Synod do not entertain this motion, inasmuch as the statements of our first Committee on Union, in their conferences with the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, are no part of our subordinate Standards.

Deliverance.

The amendment being first put to vote, was carried by a large majority; and the Synod did, and do resolve and decide in terms thereof.

Clergy Reserves Commutation.

Took up the question of the late settlement of the Clergy Reserve question by the Provincial Parliament, when it was

Resolution on.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a declaration, or memorial, expressive of the views of this Synod on the late settlement of the Clergy Reserve question, and to transmit a copy of the same to His Excellency the Governor General in Council; the Committee to consist of the Rev. William Taylor, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Aitken, and Ormiston. Dr. Taylor to be Convener.

Kennedy, Rev. A. Memorial of.

Received a Memorial from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, in relation to his Agency as Colporteur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication in Philadelphia.

On motion of Professor Taylor, it was

Resolution on

Resolved, That the Synod agree to state that they approve of Colportage, as adapted to the circumstances of Canada; that they regard it as a matter of the highest importance that the literary matter thereby presented to the community be of a sound, scriptural, instructive, and edifying kind; that they gladly recognize the publications of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, in Philadelphia, as deserving that character; that it affords them pleasure to learn that the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, an aged minister of this Church, who is, in Providence, disabled for public preaching, is appointed an Agent for the Board in Canada West, and that they cordially recommend him, in that capacity, to their brethren of the United Presbyterian Church, and to the people of God in general.

Printing, orders for.

Ordered, That a sufficient number of Blank Forms, for Presbyterial and Congregational Statistics, be printed under the direction of the Clerk of Synod.

Ordered, That 400 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod, be printed for the use of Ministers and Sessions.

Ordered, That the sum of £2 be paid to the Church Officer, for his attendance and services at this meeting of Synod.

Thanks to 1st Congregation, Toronto.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Minister, and other office bearers, and congregation, of the First United Presbyterian Church of Toronto, for the accommodation furnished this meeting of Synod.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod.

After engaging in praise, the Moderator announced that the next meeting of Synod would be held in the City of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1856, at half-past seven o'clock, in the evening, and then closed the Session with the apostolical benediction.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Moderator.*
WM. FRASER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

[No. I.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION, AND RELATIVE DOCUMENTS.

TORONTO, *August* 30, 1854.

The Committee on Union met. Present, with the Convener, the Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Jennings, and Skinner. The Convener was called to the Chair, and the meeting was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Skinner. The Rev. Mr. Thornton was appointed Clerk. The Convener stated that he had been duly furnished with an authenticated copy of the Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, dated 17th June last, and that he had given notice of this meeting of Committee to the Rev. Mr. Ure, Convener of a Committee on Union, appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The aforesaid Deed of that Synod was read, viz:—

At Toronto, on Saturday, the 17th day of June, 1854, the which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met and was constituted,

Inter alia, The Synod resumed consideration of the papers on the subject of Union with the United Presbyterian Church. After lengthened reasoning, it was, without a vote, *Resolved*, That the Synod having considered the Memorial from the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, and the Resolution of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, anent Union between that Body and this Synod, express their earnest desire to see that object attained, provided that it can be attained on Scriptural principles, declare their willingness to consider opinions on the lawfulness of State Endowments, without Erastian submission to the State, as a matter of forbearance, but continue to consider the views which they have always held, and formerly expressed by their Committee, on the duty of the civil magistrate, and the responsibility of nations to God, to be of such vital importance as to demand that they be made a term of ecclesiastical incorporation, and believe the practical effects resulting from the principles referred to, to be of such a character as to render the maintaining of these principles in all their integrity, necessary to the best interests of the Church of Christ.

And further, that this Synod, while convinced that no Union which ignores these principles can be effected, or if effected, can prove beneficial, nevertheless appoint a Committee to confer with the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, and to devise, in accordance with the terms of this deliverance, measures which may conduce to harmony of opinion and action on this and all other points of doctrine and practice which this Church holds vital, and, when practicable, to effecting a proper and lasting Union: the Committee to consist of Dr Bayne, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Professor Young, Messrs. D. McKenzie, Mark Y. Stark, R. Ure, W. Gregg, Robt. Boyd, J. M. Roger, J. B. Duncan, D. Fraser, J.

Scott, W. McLaren, Ministers; and Messrs. J. Shaw, W. Begg, J. Hall, J. Court, A. Smith, W. Heron, W. McMillan, and D. Kennedy, Elders. Mr. Ure to be Convener.

Extracted, &c., &c., by

(Signed) WILLIAM REID, *Clerk.*

After some reasoning, the following motion was adopted: That the Committee having read the Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, relative to Union with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, dated Toronto, 17th June last, and having conversed sometime thereon,

Resolve, I. That the Committee express their continued cordial approval of the Resolutions of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, under date 8th June last, and, in particular, their approval of the second of these Resolutions, in which it is set forth "that there are in the judgment of the Synod no sufficient reasons for this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada continuing in a state of separation, and that many great and obvious advantages might be expected, under the Divine blessing, to result from their heartily uniting on sound and scriptural principles."

II. That the Committee deeply regret to find themselves precluded, by the terms and purport of the above-cited Deed of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, from taking any steps at present towards the accomplishment of the Union in question.

III. That the Committee adjourn *sine die;* and that a copy of these Resolutions, together with a respectful letter from the Chairman, be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee named in the aforesaid Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(Signed) J. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*
R. H. THORNTON, *Clerk.*

Dr. Taylor stated to the Synod that he had endeavoured to fulfil the appointment of Committee, by addressing the following letter to the Rev. Mr. Ure:—

TORONTO, *August* 31, 1854.

REV. DEAR SIR: I beg to acquaint you that, agreeably to an intimation, I had the pleasure of forwarding to you, some weeks ago, the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada's Committee on Union met here yesterday, and adopted the following motion: "That the Committee having read the Deed," &c., &c., [as given above.]

Now, dear Sir, permit me to assure you that it would have given me the most unfeigned satisfaction had matters presented a more favourable aspect. Nevertheless, I have in no degree ceased to wish and to hope for a Union; and in this, I am sure, I express the mind of many of the best of the ministers, elders, and members of our Church. It seems to me, however, that nothing can be more injudicious than to push the matter prematurely. I trust that, in the meantime, the great King and Head of the Church will overrule every thing for the furtherance of his own glory, and the promotion of pure and undefiled religion.

With respect and esteem, I am, reverend dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Rev. Robert Ure, &c., &c., Streetsville.

Dr. Taylor said that he was soon favoured with a courteous note from Mr. Ure, acknowledging receipt of the above; and afterwards received the following communication:—

STREETSVILLE, *November* 22, 1854.

REV. DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that the Committee on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met on the 31st ultimo, and adopted the following motion:—

"That the Committee having read the Resolutions of the Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, agree to express their deep regret at the decision come to by the last named Committee, which seems to preclude, for the present, the hope of a joint meeting of the Committees; and declare that, while not disposed to modify in any degree their estimate of the importance of the principles referred to in the Deed of their Synod, they are nevertheless of opinion that such a joint meeting might be productive of beneficial results in the way of removing any possible misunderstandings that may exist, and of facilitating the progress of a Union on a basis mutually satisfactory."

Permit me, my dear Sir, in conveying to you the above decision, to express the pain which I feel in common with yourself at the somewhat unfavourable aspect which matters have for the present assumed in reference to Union. I deeply regret that any thing in our Deed of Synod should have been considered by your Committee as a barrier in the way of mutual conference; for I must say, I counted much upon the good which might result from a frank and friendly interchange of views and sentiments. As it is, I hope the time is not distant when negociations may be resumed, with some reasonable prospect of their leading to a successful issue.

With respect and esteem, I am, reverend dear Sir, yours sincerely,

ROBERT URE.

Rev. John Taylor, M. D., &c., &c., Toronto.

[No. II.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education beg respectfully to report as follows:—

The Session of the Divinity Hall was opened on Tuesday, 1st August. The Rev. Mr. Thornton, the only member of Committee present, besides Dr. Taylor, conducted devotional exercises and delivered an Address; after which the Introductory Lecture was read.

With regard to the Students who came forward, in addition to Messrs. John Lees and John Fotheringham, both of whom had completed their curriculum the preceding year, but attended this year spontaneously, there were: of the Fourth year, none, that being the year corresponding to the one during which the Professorship was vacant, and in which there never were any students;—of the Third year, two, Messrs. Robert C. Moffat and Francis Tisdell, the former of whom, becoming seriously unwell, after a few weeks, found it necessary to leave;—of the Second year, one, Mr. Alex. McFaul, who entered in 1852, but was prevented by severe illness from attending in 1853;—and of the First year, four, Messrs. John N. Agnew, James M. Campbell, Thomas Chesnut, and Robert Hume, the last of whom, however, in compliance with the wishes of his friends, immediately withdrew, in consequence of the prevalence of cholera in the city. Mr. John McNaughton also entered as a hearer, but left before the close, owing to bad health.

During the Session, the students were examined on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 82nd, inclusive, to the end, and on Mosheim's Church History, from the 11th to the 15th century, both inclusive. They read critically

in Greek the Epistle to the Galatians, and the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians; and in Hebrew, selected passages in Genesis, beginning with the interview between the Angel and Hagar at the well of Lahai-roi, and ending with the burial of Sarah, together with the corresponding portions of the Septuagint. Besides the usual discourses, also, several passages in the New Testament were prescribed as themes for written exercises; and a few meetings, at the close of the Session, were devoted to the subject of Homiletics. The students conducted themselves with propriety, and performed the exercises satisfactorily. But the attendance was less regular than usual, in consequence of the unhealthiness of the season. The Session was closed on Friday, 6th October, an Address having been delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator of Synod, the only member of Committee who attended.

The Committee have expended the sum of five pounds on Theological books, which have been added to the Library.

With regard to the matter remitted to the Committee by the Synod at its ninth sederunt last year, an Address has been prepared, which the Committee now place at the disposal of the Synod; and nothing further has been done.

The Committee beg now to solicit the most serious attention of the Synod to a proposal which they deem of great importance to the future welfare of the Hall, viz., that the time of the annual Session be changed, so that it shall commence in the beginning of November, and terminate in the end of April, or at such other periods near to these, as the Synod shall see meet to appoint. The Committee refrain from introducing into this Report any other of the considerations which seem to recommend this proposal, than that the season at which the Session has hitherto been held, is generally regarded as the most unhealthy in the year, the season, too, at which it seems least of all desirable that persons should make a change in their mode of living, as students coming to town must almost inevitably do; and that, even when the season is not specially unhealthy, it is, by reason of the heat which usually prevails during the greater part of it, exceedingly unfavorable for continuous mental application; while, by changing the Session to the time when University College, Toronto, and almost all other academical institutions in the Province hold their sittings, an opportunity would be afforded to the students of prosecuting their literary and philosophical studies along with their Theological.

Reflecting on the paramount importance of the Divinity Hall for the maintenance and prosperity of the Church, and on the very unsatisfactory state of matters during last Session, owing chiefly to the bad health in the Students, the Committee entreat the Synod to give to the subject, of all its aspects, their most careful and solemn consideration.

[No. III.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 4, 1855.

Your Committee would begin this Report by stating that, for the purpose of saving the funds of the Church, they have deemed it prudent to hold as few general meetings as they could in the course of the past year, and that they appointed a small sub-committee, composed of persons so situated locally, that they could easily meet for the transaction of any business that might call for attention in the intervals of Committee. They see no reason to regret this arrangement. All the matters that came up at different periods have been duly attended to by the sub-committee, and decided upon to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Your Committee are sorry to report that but few missionaries have come over from the Church at home, during the past year, to labour in the wide and extending field for missionary enterprise which Canada presents. Of those who have come, one has been installed in a congregation of the Presbytery of Canada East; others have also obtained pastoral charges, and thus their labours have become, in a great measure, local and confined, so that only a few remain on the list of probationers, to give their much needed help in the cultivation of those spots which have none to minister statedly among them in word and doctrine. Your Committee fear that supplies from Scotland are to decrease rather than increase. With the exception of the Rev. David Todd, late of Stonehaven, there is no word of any ministers or preachers coming out from home, and young men in this country appear to be very backward in devoting themselves to the work of the ministry. Should not the Synod taken into special consideration the large and increasing spheres of spiritual usefulness which are opening, and endeavor to devise some efficient measures for procuring men to enter upon and occupy them?

Four congregations have received sums of greater or smaller amount out of the Mission Fund during the year that has closed. One of these applications your Committee had great difficulty in granting, on the grounds that the congregation applying has been receiving help for a considerable period—been increasing in membership, and sharing in the material prosperity with which God has been blessing our Province, and yet been making no progress towards being self-sustaining. Another congregation had a claim through the terms on which their minister had been ordained among them, and the sum applied for was granted, that they might be clear with him to the date of his demission. One of the remaining two weak congregations, appears to be in a district which is anything but favourable to the prosperity of its inhabitants; it affords but little prospect of increase, and hence is likely, if allowed, to be long dependent upon the fund. The last application, which came to hand since the Syod convened, has been referred to your court for advice. The other supplement congregation has been making good progress; and your Committee have just learned from the Clerk of the Presbytery, within whose bounds it is situated, that it has become self-supporting. The sum total drawn by these congregations is £64 3s. 4d.

Eleven probationers have drawn more or less out of the funds that are in the hands of your Treasurer. Altogether there have been paid in the vacancies in which they have been labouring about £470. They have been paid by your Treasurer to the amount of £327 10s. 2d. Five of these have come out, under arrangements with the Mission Board in Scotland, and are consequently entitled to the rate of £100 sterling? the others had no claim of that kind, and thus their income was at the rate of only £100 currency. All these parties were required to send reports of their labours, in the different Presbyteries, to the Presbytery Clerks, drawn up according to a given form, which was prepared by the sanction of Synod, and these were transmitted by the Clerks to your Committee; and in addition they were required to fill up a general statement, which they sent direct to the Convener. Your Committee would remark that these forms have been of the greatest service to them, lessening their labour most materially, and enabling them to perceive at a glance whether probationers have been diligent and faithful in the stations among which they have been labouring.

Mr. James Fraser, Catechist, has been spared to labour, which he has done with his usual earnestness and fidelity, during another year. His reports have been forwarded with the same regularity as formerly, and breath the same spirit of zeal and piety. He has been paid in the places where he itinerates, £18 1s. 1d., and has drawn from the fund £11 18s. 11d.

Your Committee have granted to the Presbytery of Durham, on their petition, the sum of £15, to be expended in paying a missionary to labour n the destitute localities which the Presbytery includes. We have no doubt this act will meet with your approbation. Your Committee have

also unanimously granted £25 to a minister, who has been in the ministry in the Province for several years, who, during that time, has been receiving less than the minimum of stipend, but who, in the spirit of self-denial, refrained from applying to the Fund till necessity was laid upon him, and even then drew only a very small part of the sum he was entitled to. In this also we are certain of meeting your approval.

At this stage of their Report your Committee would pause, and present the following *resume* :—

Expended on weak congregations	£64	3	4
Expended on probationers	327	10	2
Expended on catechist	11	18	11
Granted to Presbytery of Durham	15	0	0
Granted minister above referred to	25	0	0
Making a total expenditure of	443	12	5

To meet which there have been raised in the Province, during the year, £ , with a balance of £240 10s. 6d. at last Synod, making a total of £ . Out of which there have been paid £210 6s. 3d. —leaving a balance in the hands of your Treasurer of £

The Treasurer of the Home Grant has drawn £548 14s. 5d., and paid £515 9s. 10d., leaving a balance in his hand of £33 4s. 7d.

Your Committee would further report that, at a meeting held on the 11th July last, Mr. Robert Christie, laid on the table a letter from the Rev. Mr. Dick, of the 1st inst., enclosing the sum of twelve pounds, from the Congregation of Richmond Hill, and station of King, and placing it at the disposal of the Mission Committee, to be applied in aiding one of the weak but promising congregations, in the Presbytery of Wellington.—Notification was given to the Presbytery named, to whose order the money has since been paid, and who have appropriated it to the congregations of Euphrasia and St. Vincent, over which Mr. Fayette was installed in January last. Your Committee rejoice in this act of liberality, and hope it will have a good effect upon the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in the country, stirring them up to similar acts of christian generosity.

Your Commiitee have endeavoured through Presbyteries, to bring the vacancies to give more liberally towards the payment of probationers, but their efforts have been comparatively, if not wholly, in vain. This matter we would also commend to your special attention. Under all the disadvantages which bear on our vacancies, they might, and ought, to do more in renumeration for the services they receive. Would it not be desirable to recommend that Presbyteries, or deputations from them, hold public meetings, in the vacancies within their bounds, and instruct the people in their duty to give as the Lord had prospered them, or bring the matter under the special attention of the Elders and Managers?

It was the wish of your Committee to have the Statistical Tables of the different Presbyteries forwarded to them at an early season, in the current year, and with that view they instructed the Convener to write to Clerks of Presbyteries, and request them to send the returns in, as soon as practicable, that they might be published in one sheet. All the Presbyteries have shown a readiness to comply with this request, except one, and as it was far on in May before that report came to hand, the publication of the general sheet has been delayed. Your Committee must express their regret at this circumstance. They consider it important that these returns be faithfully and punctually made, and to have them in time to send to Scotland, that the Secretary of the Mission Board there, may avail himself of them, in drawing up his annual report for the Synod.—This might be done with ease, if Presbyteries were duly attentive, but owing to their neglect, your Committee have never yet been able to have the statistics forward, in time, to Mr. Somerville.

[Note.—The Statistical Table, intended to have been attached, was printed at Guelph—sent thence by Express to Toronto, and, after diligent search, is not to be found.]

Wm. Fraser, S. C.

[No. IV.]

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

MISSION FUND.

Charge against the Treasurer.

1854.					
June 17.	Balance against the Treasurer		£240	16	6
20.	Received from St. George		14	0	0
"	"	Albion	1	15	0
July 8.	"	Richmond Hill Con., and King Station	12	0	0
14.	"	Ayr Juvenile Association	5	10	0
"	"	Tilsinburgh Congregation	1	15	0
"	"	Norwichville do	1	10	0
Aug. 1.	"	Thorold do	1	0	0
"	"	Caledon do	1	17	6
Nov. 8.	"	Flamboro' do	12	10	0
1855.					
Jan'y 16.	"	McKillop do	2	0	0
"	"	English Settlement do	3	14	10½
"	"	Bethel Proof Line do	2	2	10½
"	"	London do	9	2	4½
"	"	English Settlement, Quarter 30th Sept. Congr.	3	5	7½
"	"	Do. do. do. 31st Dec. do.	4	3	9
"	"	Chatham Congregation	6	11	3
"	"	Caledonia Sabbath School	1	0	0
Feb'y 5.	"	Indiana Congregation	4	0	0
"	"	Oneida Congregation	2	0	0
"	"	Pakenham Congregation	1	7	6
"	"	Pakenham Sabbath School	1	5	0
13.	"	Hamilton Congregation	10	0	0
"	"	Beverley do	4	10	0
17.	"	Chippawa do	3	0	[illegible]
"	"	Crowland Station	0	9	5
"	"	West Gwillimbury Congregation	2	2	5½
"	"	Tecumseth do	1	17	7
"	"	Essa do	1	14	11½
"	"	Elora do	2	17	6
Mar. 1.	"	Chippawa do	13	18	9
20.	"	Glenmorris do	5	10	3
April 2.	"	Paris do	5	0	0
"	"	Chinguacousy do	1	8	1½
26.	"	La Chute do	0	10	0
May 3.	"	Norwichville do	2	0	0
18.	"	St. Mary's do	7	8	2
"	"	Bethel do	1	15	0
"	"	English Settlement do	4	12	6
"	"	Bethel do	2	12	3
19.	"	Brantford do	7	5	0
"	"	Toronto and Brampton do	3	18	0
"	"	St. George do	7	18	0
June 5.	"	2d Con., Toronto do	7	0	0
"	"	Eramosa do	9	12	9
6	"	Whitby Missionary Society	12	6	8
"	"	Darlington Congregation	2	8	9
"	"	Clark Congregation	5	0	0
		Balance of Interest	12	11	2
			£472	8	6½

DISCHARGE.

1854.				
July 11.	Paid Printer, 50 Circulars	£0	6	3
"	250 Forms	0	18	0
"	Rev. Robert Torrance, Postage, &c.,	1	10	0
Aug. 4.	Rev. Thomas Dickson	12	14	7
9.	Catechist, Durham Presbytery	15	0	0
"	Mr. James Fraser, Catechist	6	10	6
1855.				
Jan, 16.	Rev. Robert Torrance, Donations from Richmond Hill Congregation, in aid of Stations in Wellington Presb'y.	12	0	0
"	Rev. Robert Torrance, Postages	1	0	0
"	Supplement to Pakenham Congregation	12	10	0
"	Rev. Archibald Cross, Supplement	27	13	10
"	Rev. A. Kennedy, Supplement	10	1	0
"	Rev. M. Livingston, Supplement	13	3	2
"	Rev. Mr. Aitken, Supplement	25	0	0
"	Rev. Joseph Scott, Preacher	4	16	8
"	Exchange and Postage	0	8	2
"	Mr. James Fraser, Catechist	5	8	9
Feb. 19.	Mr. Duncan, Preacher,	29	4	8
"	Rev. Robert Monteath	31	17	5
"	Exchange and Postage	0	3	7
June 6.	Rev. Peter Glassford, Preacher	22	11	0
"	Rev. J. Macintosh, Preacher.	16	5	0
"	Balance due by the Treasurer	223	5	11½
		£472	8	6½

We, according to appointment of Synod, have examined the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, and find them correct, also, that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands, to the amount of £223 5s. 11½d. currency.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
A. W. WADDELL.

June 7.

June 8, Paid since Balance.

Rev. Robert Torrance, expenses connected with Mission Committee	£1	12	1
Rev. Mr. Barrie, expenses connected with Mission Committee	0	15	0
Rev. Robert Rodgers, Supplement	20	0	0
La Chute, Supplement	15	0	0

1854. June 17.	Balance on hand			240	10	6
Collected during the past year				231	18	0½
				472	8	6½
Expended up to the Balance	£249	2	7			
Paid since Balance	37	7	1			
				286	9	8
Balance on hand, 3rd July 1855				185	18	10½
Abstract of Theological Fund for past year:—						
Balance on hand, 17th June, 1854				74	13	11
Collected during past year				152	4	3½
				226	18	2½
Paid up to the Balance	£51	0	10			
Paid since Balance	51	0	10			
				102	1	8
On hand, 3rd July 1855				124	16	6½
Abstract of Synod Fund:—						
In arrear, 17th June, 1854				90	3	7½

Paid since Balance of 1854	73	8	3
	163	11	10½
Collected during past year	68	1	5
In arrear, June 7, 1255	95	10	5
Paid since Balance, Synod Officer	2	0	0
Fund indebted to Library, since paid	25	0	0
Amount of arrears, 3rd July, 1855	£122	10	5

While this year's Printing is unprovided for.

THEOLOGICAL AND SYNOD FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST TREASURER.

1854.				£	s.	d.
June 8.	Balance due by Treasurer			9	10	3½
15.	Received from Smith's Falls Congregation,	Institute		2	18	1½
"	"	Ayr	do Synod	1	11	8½
20.	"	Albion	do do	1	5	0
"	"	Vaughan	do Institute	1	7	6½
July 8.	"	Indiana	do Synod	1	0	0
"	"	Onieda	do do	0	15	0
Aug. 1.	"	Caledon	do Institute	2	1	3
Nov. 8.	"	Flamboro'	do do	8	0	0
"	"	Flamboro'	do Synod	3	14	3
"	"	Mount Pleasant	do Institute	2	5	0
16.	"	Chippawa	do do	3	3	6
"	"	Hamilton	do do	10	10	0
"	"	Eramosa	do do	5	12	6
20.	"	Bath	do do	1	15	0
27.	"	Tecumseth	do do	1	11	11½
"	"	Essa	do do	1	10	2
"	"	West Gwillimbury	do do	1	8	6
Dec. 4.	"	Dunbarton and Canton Congregations, Institute		6	0	0
6.	"	Vaughan and Albion	do do	4	0	0
22.	"	Montreal, per Dr. Taylor	do do	8	5	0
"	"	Blandford	do do	2	10	0
"	"	Ayr	do do	3	5	0
25.	"	Caledonia	do do	1	0	0
"	"	Oneida	do do	0	15	0
1855.						
Jan. 1.	"	Mr. Alex. Rogers	do	1	5	0
16.	"	English Settlement Congregation	do	2	8	3
"	"	Chatham	do do	2	10	0
"	"	McKillop	do do	2	2	2
"	"	Bayfield	do Synod	0	7	6
"	"	Bethel Proof Line	do do	0	10	0
27.	"	Glenmorris	do Institute	2	0	0
Feb. 13.	"	Hamilton	do do	10	0	0
"	"	Hamilton	do Library	10	0	0
"	"	Ayr, Juvenile Society	do Institute	2	10	0
28.	"	Mount Pleasant	do Synod	3	0	0
"	"	Elora	do Synod	3	2	6
Mar. 20	"	Richmond Hill	do Institute	1	0	0
"	"	King Station	do do	2	5	0
"	"	Thornhill	do do	1	0	0
"	"	Pickering	do, Back Station do	2	5	0
April 2.	"	Paris	do Institute	2	0	0
"	"	Paris	do Synod	1	10	0
23.	"	Chinguacousy	do Institute	1	14	0

DISCHARGE.

			£	s.	d.
1854.					
July 11.	Paid Printer, 50 Circulars		£0	6	3
"	250 Forms		0	18	0
"	Rev. Robert Torrance, Postage, &c.,		1	10	0
Aug. 4.	Rev. Thomas Dickson		12	14	7
9.	Catechist, Durham Presbytery		15	0	0
"	Mr. James Fraser, Catechist		6	10	6
1855.					
Jan, 16.	Rev. Robert Torrance, Donations from Richmond Hill Congregation, in aid of Stations in Wellington Presb'y.		12	0	0
"	Rev. Robert Torrance, Postages		1	0	0
"	Supplement to Pakenham Congregation		12	10	0
"	Rev. Archibald Cross, Supplement		27	13	10
"	Rev. A. Kennedy, Supplement		10	1	0
"	Rev. M. Livingston, Supplement		13	3	2
"	Rev. Mr. Aitken, Supplement		25	0	0
"	Rev. Joseph Scott, Preacher		4	16	8
"	Exchange and Postage		0	8	2
"	Mr. James Fraser, Catechist		5	8	9
Feb. 19.	Mr. Duncan, Preacher,		29	4	8
"	Rev. Robert Monteath		31	17	5
"	Exchange and Postage		0	3	7
June 6.	Rev. Peter Glassford, Preacher		22	11	0
"	Rev. J. Macintosh, Preacher.		16	5	0
"	Balance due by the Treasurer		223	5	11½
			£472	8	6½

We, according to appointment of Synod, have examined the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, and find them correct, also, that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands, to the amount of £223 5s. 11½d. currency.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
A. W. WADDELL.

June 7.

June 8, Paid since Balance.

Rev. Robert Torrance, expenses connected with Mission Committee		£1	12	1
Rev. Mr. Barrie, expenses connected with Mission Committee		0	15	0
Rev. Robert Rodgers, Supplement		20	0	0
La Chute, Supplement		15	0	0
1854. June 17. Balance on hand		240	10	6
Collected during the past year		231	18	0½
		472	8	6½
Expended up to the Balance	£249 2 7			
Paid since Balance	37 7 1			
		286	9	8
Balance on hand, 3rd July 1855		185	18	10½
Abstract of Theological Fund for past year:—				
Balance on hand, 17th June, 1854		74	13	11
Collected during past year		152	4	3½
		226	18	2½
Paid up to the Balance	£51 0 10			
Paid since Balance	51 0 10			
		102	1	8
On hand, 3rd July 1855		124	16	6½
Abstract of Synod Fund:—				
In arrear, 17th June, 1854		90	3	7½

Paid since Balance of 1854	73	8	3
	163	11	10½
Collected during past year	68	1	5
In arrear, June 7, 1255	95	10	5
Paid since Balance, Synod Officer	2	0	0
Fund indebted to Library, since paid	25	0	0
Amount of arrears, 3rd July, 1855	£122	10	5

While this year's Printing is unprovided for.

THEOLOGICAL AND SYNOD FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST TREASURER.

				£	s.	d.
1854.						
June 8.	Balance due by Treasurer			9	10	3½
15.	Received from Smith's Falls Congregation,	Institute		2	18	1½
"	" Ayr	do	Synod	1	11	8½
20.	" Albion	do	do	1	5	0
"	" Vaughan	do	Institute	1	7	6½
July 8.	" Indiana	do	Synod	1	0	0
"	" Onieda	do	do	0	15	0
Aug. 1.	" Caledon	do	Institute	2	1	3
Nov. 8.	" Flamboro'	do	do	8	0	0
"	" Flamboro'	do	Synod	3	14	3
"	" Mount Pleasant	do	Institute	2	5	0
16.	" Chippawa	do	do	3	3	6
"	" Hamilton	do	do	10	10	0
"	" Eramosa	do	do	5	12	6
20.	" Bath	do	do	1	15	0
27.	" Tecumseth	do	do	1	11	11½
"	" Essa	do	do	1	10	2
"	" West Gwillimbury	do	do	1	8	6
Dec. 4.	" Dunbarton and Canton Congregations,		Institute	6	0	0
6.	" Vaughan and Albion	do	do	4	0	0
22.	" Montreal, per Dr. Taylor	do	do	8	5	0
"	" Blandford	do	do	2	10	0
"	" Ayr	do	do	3	5	0
25.	" Caledonia	do	do	1	0	0
"	" Oneida	do	do	0	15	0
1855.						
Jan. 1.	" Mr. Alex. Rogers		do	1	5	0
16.	" English Settlement Congregation		do	2	8	3
"	" Chatham	do	do	2	10	0
"	" McKillop	do	do	2	2	2
"	" Bayfield	do	Synod	0	7	6
"	" Bethel Proof Line	do	do	0	10	0
27.	" Glenmorris	do	Institute	2	0	0
Feb. 13.	" Hamilton	do	do	10	0	0
"	" Hamilton	do	Library	10	0	0
"	" Ayr, Juvenile Society	do	Institute	2	10	0
28.	" Mount Pleasant	do	Synod	3	0	0
"	" Elora	do	Synod	3	2	6
Mar. 20	" Richmond Hill	do	Institute	1	0	0
"	" King Station	do	do	2	5	0
"	" Thornhill	do	do	1	0	0
"	" Pickering	do, Back Station	do	2	5	0
April 2.	" Paris	do	Institute	2	0	0
"	" Paris	do	Synod	1	10	0
23.	" Chinguacousy	do	Institute	1	14	0

April 26.	"	La Chute	do	do	0	10	0
"	"	La Chute	do	Synod	0	15	0
29.	"	St. George	do	Institute	2	15	0
30.	"	Chippawa	do	Synod	2	14	3
May 18.	"	English Settlement	do	do.	0	14	2
"	"	Warrensville	do	do	0	8	4
19.	"	Guelph	do	do	3	15	0
"	"	Guelph	do	Institute	3	5	0
"	"	Brantford	do	do	5	0	0
"	"	Newton	do	do	6	0	0
"	"	St. George	do	Synod	3	0	0
June 5.	"	Ayr	do	do	2	0	4
"	"	Second Congregation, Toronto	do		2	0	0
"	"	Second Congregation, Toronto		Institute	9	3	7
"	"	Eramosa Congregation		Institute	5	3	6½
"	"	Eramosa Congregation		Synod	3	0	0
"	"	West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, and Essa Congregations, Synod			2	10	8
6.	"	McKillop Congregation, Institute			2	0	3½
"	"	Whitby	do	Institute	4	0	0
7.	"	Elora	do	Synod	3	4	0
"	"	Elora	do	Institute	2	0	0
"	"	Emily	do	Institute	2	0	0
"	"	Vaughan	do	Synod	1	5	0
"	"	Caledonia	do	do	1	2	3½
"	"	Indiana	do	do	0	16	1
"	"	Oneida	do	do	0	15	0
"	"	Mariposa	do	Institute	2	0	0
"	"	Mariposa	do	Synod	1	0	0
"	"	Verulam	do	Synod	0	9	0
"	"	Verulam	do	Institute	0	16	0
"	"	Clarke	do	Institute	6	0	0
		Balance of Interest			2	19	0
					220	5	9

1855.		DISCHARGE.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 16.	Paid Rev. Thomas Christie, Treasurer, for Home Grant		5	0	0
"	"	Printing addresses, November 10, 1854	7	10	0
Mar. 30.	"	Professor Taylor, one quarter's salary in advance	51	0	10
"	"	Printing Minutes, &c. 1854	19	7	6
"	"	Exchange	0	4	1
"	"	Printing Minutes, &c. 1853	20	0	0
June 5.	"	Dr. Taylor for Theological Library	10	0	0
"	"	Rev. Thomas Christie	5	0	0
"	"	Rev. William Fraser, salary as Synod Clerk	15	0	0
"	"	Contingent expenses for past year	0	17	8
"	"	Expenses of Distributing Committee	0	9	0
"	"	Balance in Treasurer's hand	85	16	8
			220	5	9

June 7. We, according to appointment of Synod, have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correct; and that there is the sum of £85 16s. 8d. as balance in his hands.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
A. W. WADDELL.

Paid since balance, Synod Officer	£2	0	0
Paid Rev. Dr. Taylor, supplement one quarter's salary as Professor	51	0	10
Paid Theological Library	25	0	0

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